GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING FOR PDS EMPLOYEES
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to provide training and research facilities for strengthening and upgrading the skills of personnel engaged in the implementation of Public Distribution System had been launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government provides any financial and physical assistance to the States under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details of the assistance provided to each State during each of the last three years; and

(e) the number of persons benefited therefrom during the said period, Statewise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Department of Food & Public Distribution has provided financial assistance to States/UTs under the Central sector Scheme `TRAINING, RESEARCH & MONITORING` (TRM) for strengthening Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in States/UTs.

Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided upto Rs. 50, 000/- for conducting one week`s training programme, and also for holding conference/workshop by the State Governments and Union Territory administrations to train the officers/officials of State Food Supplies Departments, State Civil Supplies Corporation, Consumer Cooperative, Super Bazars and district level officers engaged in the public distribution of essential commodities. One time financial assistance upto Rs. 1.50 lakh was provided to the State Governments and Union Territories administration for purchase of computers for connectivity of Food and Civil Supplies Directorate with NIC network.

Under the scheme, evaluation studies were got conducted on Targeted Public Distribution System through research institutions.

(d) & (e): Details of assistance provided under the scheme to States/UTs during last three years are at annexe-I.